IRE- LAND.

By the Commissioners of the Common-wealth of ENGLAND for the Affairs of IRELAND.

WHEREAS, several Murthers and Robberies have been lately committed by wicked and bloudy Rebels, (who live upon Rapine and Spoile; to the great terror of such persons, as desire to live peaceably under the English Government, and to the disturbance of the Publick Peace) which cannot be effectually prevented by the care and industry of the Officers of the Army, and other Ministers of Iustice, according to their respective trusts, so long as Fire-Arms, Ammunition and other Instruments of War are permitted to be in the Custody of such persons, as live out of Garrisons in places where the said Rebels may (without danger) furnish and Arm themselves with the same, and thereby force relief from the Countrey. For the more effectual and speedy prevention of the said Evil for the time to come: It is hereby Ordered and Declared, That all *Irish* and Papists in the respective Precincts in IRELAND, do forthwith after Publication of this present Declaration, deliver and bring in, or cause to be delivered and brought in, unto the Officer commanding in Chief, or the Commissary of the Publick Stores in the said Precincts respectively, or unto the Officer commanding the next adjacent Garrison, being a Captain or Field-Officer; all such Powder, Match, Bullet, Muskets, Fire-locks, Fouling-pieces, Pistols, and other Fire-Arms whatsoever, either fixed or unfixed, as are in their Custody and keeping, or do belong unto them, or are in the Custody of any other person by their consent or for their use.

And it is further Ordered and Declared, That if any *Irish* or Papist within this Nation, shall have, keep, or enjoy any Powder, Match, Bullet, Musket, Fire-locks, Fouling-pieces, Pistols, or other Fire-Arms whatsoever, and shall not deliver and bring in, or cause to be delivered and brought in the same, to such Officers as is abovementioned, or that do know where any such Powder, Match, Bullet, Muskets, Fire-locks, Fouling-pieces, Pistols, or other Arms aboveſaid, be and do lie concealed, and shall not discover the same to the Officers aboveſaid, within six days after the Publication hereof in the respective Precincts, shall be adjudged, deemed, and taken as Enemies: And for every such offence, shall and may be proceeded against at a Court-Martial, as Enemies to the COMMON-WEALTH.

And it is hereby further Ordered and Declared, That all Commission Officers of the Army, from and after the six days aforesaid, shall and may, and are hereby Authorized and Required, to make search for, seize, and take away all such Powder, Match, Bullet, Muskets, Fire-locks, Fouling-pieces, Pistols, and other Fire-Arms, as they shall find in the Custody and possession of any *Irish*-man or Papist, or in the possession of any other for their use, or by their consent (except it be by special Licence, as hereafter is expressed) and to cause the said persons offending, contrary to this Declarion, to be apprehended, and committed to Prison, to receive their Tryal for their respective offences, as is aboveſaid. *Provided*, that this Declaration shall not extend to any person that shall be licenced to have and keep any Arms, for the defence of his Castle or dwelling-house, or for travelling. Arms (provided such licence be in writing from the General, or other person commanding the Army in Chief for the time being, or from other person or persons by him thereunto authorized.)

And it is further Ordered and Declared, That after the Publication of this Declaration, within the respective Precincts of this Nation, No person or persons (other than Farriers, Sadlers, and other Handy-crafts men belonging to the Army) shall make, or cause to be made, any Pistols, Muskets, Fire-Arms, Swords, Daggers, Skeins, Pike-heads, Tucks, Scemiters and Holsters, or any other Ammunition, Furniture, or Instruments of War, but in such Garrisons, Forts, or Castles as are in the possession of the Forces of the *Common-wealth*; And that no person or persons shall sell or utter, or willingly suffer to be sold or uttered, any Arms, Furniture of War, or other the Premises, to any person or persons without a Ticket in writing, to be had from the Commander in Chief, or Governor, for the time being, of such Garrison or place where the same shall be sold or uttered: Which Ticket shall express the thing to be sold, and the person buying the same, and that the person that doth or shall buy the same, is an *English*-man & a Protestant, upon the pains and forfeitures aforesaid to be inflicted upon such person or persons as shall make, sell, or utter any Instruments of War, and Premises, otherwise than as above

And it is likewise Ordered [illegible]d, That the respective Officers commanding in chief, Commissaries of the Publick Stores, Governors of Garrisons, [illegible]s unto whom such Powder, Match, Bullet, Muskets, Fire-locks, Fouling-pieces, Pistols, and other Fire-Arms afor[illegible] are by the tenor of this Declaration appointed to be brought in and delivered; do immediately after the expiration o[illegible]ys, send, or cause to be sent an exact List of the Premises unto the Commander in Chief of the Army: To the end, further [illegible]irection may be given concerning the same. *Dublin, the 23 of Ianuary.* 1653.

Charles Fleetwood. *Edm. Ludlow.* *Miles Corbet.* *Jo. Jones.*

Ordered by the said Commissioners, *That this* Declaration *be forthwith Printed and Published.*

Signed by Order, &c. IO. HUGHES.

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